

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Sahera Halim

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Proposed Amendment 12/11/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-9, 13-21 and 23-28.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9, 13-21, and 23-28 have been allowed.
2. Claims 1-12 and 22 have been cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christopher L. Bernard (Registration No. 48,234) on December 8, 2006.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims have been amended as attached.

Reason for Allowance

1. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.109 and M.P. E.P. 1302.14, the following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

The prior art of record fails to teach neither singly or in combination the claimed limitation of "sending first and second metadata files from a network device to an external management system, wherein the metadata files enable the external management system to learn how to configure the network device and how to manage accounting data, statistics, security, and fault logging from the network device,

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generating first and second management data files within the network device and processing the first and second metadata files in accordance with the first and second metadata files in the external management system for managing the network device" as in claims 1-9,13-21,23-26. Moreover, prior art of record fails to teach neither singly or in combination the claimed limitation of " a telecommunication system comprising a network device including an internal management subsystem capable of generating management data file, an external management system pushing the management data file and a corresponding metadata file to the external management system and the external management system processing data in the management data file in accordance with one of the metadata file and a metadata file received from another network device for managing and configuring the network device and wherein the metadata files enables the external management system to learn how to configure the network device and how to manage accounting data, statistics, security, and fault logging from the network device" as in claims 27 -28.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sahera Halim whose telephone number is (571) 272-4003. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays and Thursdays from 8:30-5:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ario Etienne can be reached on (571) 272-4001. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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